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- Transmittal cover sheet for new U.S. Patent application. 1.
- 2. 28 pages of specification, including claims and Abstract.
- 3. 45 claims.
- 12 sheet(s) of FORMAL drawings (Figs. 1-16). 4.
- 5. Combined Oath/Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- Assignment of the invention, Cover Sheet, and payment of the \$40.00 recordal fee. 6.
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